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Amendments to the Claims

- Claim 1 (currently amended): A filter element extracting jig, characterized in that the filter element extracting jig is formed from a plate, and a supporting portion and a hook portion are formed by bending, said hook portion extending substantially in the shape of V with respect to said supporting portion, said hook portion has an edge that engages an inner hole of a replaceable filter cartridge element.
- Claim 2 (original): A filter element extracting jig, characterized in that the filter element extracting jig is formed from an elastic plate, and a supporting portion, a spring portion extending at an acute angle with said supporting portion, a hook portion extending toward said supporting portion, and an operating portion extending at substantially right angles from said hook portion, are formed by bending in that order at bent portions.
- Claim 3 (original): A filter element extracting jig, characterized in that the filter element extracting jig comprises a supporting portion, a spring portion extending from a leading end of said supporting portion via a first bent portion at an acute angle with respect to said supporting portion, a hook portion extending from the other end of said spring portion via a second bent portion toward said supporting portion, and an operating portion extending from the other end of said hook portion via a third bent portion at substantially right angles with respect to said hook portion.
- Claim 4 (original): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 2 or 3, characterized in that said bent portions are substantially parallel to each other.
- Claim 5 (currently amended): The filter element extracting jig according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that said supporting portion has a handle portion at a top end thereof, and a finger engaging opening is provided at the handle portion.
- Claim 6 (currently amended): The filter element extracting jig according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that the jig is formed from a single plastic or metal plate.
- Claim 7 (currently amended): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.
- Claim 8 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 2, characterized in that said supporting portion has a handle portion at a top end thereof, and a finger engaging opening is provided at the handle portion.

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Claim 9 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 3, characterized in that said supporting portion has a handle portion at a top end thereof, and a finger engaging opening is provided at the handle portion.

Claim 10 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 4, characterized in that said supporting portion has a handle portion at a top end thereof, and a finger engaging opening is provided at the handle portion.

Claim 11 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 2, characterized in that the jig is formed from a single plastic or metal plate.

Claim 12 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 3, characterized in that the jig is formed from a single plastic or metal plate.

Claim 13 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 4, characterized in that the jig is formed from a single plastic or metal plate.

Claim 14 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 5, characterized in that the jig is formed from a single plastic or metal plate.

Claim 15 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 8, characterized in that the jig is formed from a single plastic or metal plate.

Claim 16 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 9, characterized in that the jig is formed from a single plastic or metal plate.

Claim 17 (new): The filter element extracting jig according to claim 10, characterized in that the jig is formed from a single plastic or metal plate.

Claim 18 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 2 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 19 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 3 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 20 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 4 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 21 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 5 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 22 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 6 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

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Claim 23 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 8 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 24 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 9 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 25 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 10 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 26 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 11 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 27 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 12 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 28 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 13 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 29 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 14 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 30 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 15 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 31 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 16 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

Claim 32 (new): The combination of the filter element extracting jig according to claim 17 and a plastic bag accommodating said extracting jig in such a manner that it is opened on a side of a top end of said supporting portion.

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